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Preferential gidars to ho ed by them on of Kodagi tanks.

Messrs. Chikramanna, Suryan... appa, Sonne Gowda and B' Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the Govern- be pleased to direct that honge trees planted y Kodagidars on the bunds of Kodagi tanks Kodagidars at Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees in hers. The Government losing nothing re ing the rights of the Kodagidars that

Reply of Government.—No special rights can be recognized Kodagidars after enfranchisement. Individual cases of hardship may be represented to the local authorities. No general order can be issued.

SUBJECT No. 148.

Raising the level of channels.

Messrs. Kigga Channakesava Rao, Halagur Venkatasubbaiya and Bettagere Subramanyabhatta, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At the time of the Survey Settlement wet assessment was fixed with reference to the supply of water then available. From various causes the channels are now ances much below the level of the land to be irrigate. It is requested that cross bunds may be constructed at the head of the channels to allow of a sufficient water-supply.

Reply of Government.—Particulars should be brought to the notice of the local authorities.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Raiyats to be permitted to repair the drains situated outside their lands.

Messrs. Kigga Channakesava Rao, Halagur Venkatasubbaiya and Bettagere Subramanyabhatta, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to heavy rains in the Koppa Taluk, the vegetable matter contained in the soil will be washed away. To guard against this, drains were dug by our ancestors at a little distance from their lands. Raiyats may, it is requested, be permitted to repair them. As it is, at present such cases are brought on the *Takrar Takhta* and the raiyats fined.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for investigation.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Inspection of crops.

Mr. M. Subbba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Prays for an order that the Amildars, the Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners should periodically inspect wet and dry crops in company with some respectable raiyats of the locality and report to Government upon the condition of crops at the time of inspection.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules do not require any modification.

SUBJECT No. 151.

The marking of water channels on the village maps.

Messrs. Naranappa, Karigiriyappa, and Puttanna, Dodballapur.

Summary of discussion.—The course of the main channel connecting the sluice of a tank is not shown in survey maps in some cases, and in others, it is shown for the portion of atchkat which came under cultivation at the time of survey. This often leads to disputes among the raiyats by their refusing to give water to others below, through their lands. These channels may be caused to be fully marked on all the maps and room for such disputes avoided.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Survey Commissioner for needful action. If any channels have been omitted, they may be brought to the notice of the Survey authorities at the time of settlement.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Regulation of water distribution by chakras,

Mr. Gurulinge Gowda, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The chakras in villages were doing collection work for six months in a year and were supplying water from branch channels to the lands during the rest of the period. This was a great help to the raiyats. For this work they were being remunerated by *miras* from raiyats and they also enjoyed Inam lands given by Government. This system is now discontinued to the inconvenience of raiyats. It is therefore prayed that the old system of distributing water be revived.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Revenue Commissioner for disposal.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Appointment of *Nirgantis* for each major tank.

Mr. Totada Siddappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Salaried *nirgantis* may be appointed by Government to each of the tanks yielding more than Rs. 300 revenue to ensure proper distribution of water for irrigation and to prevent wastage.

Reply of Government.—*Nirgantis* wherever they exist are remunerated by miras according to custom. Salaried *nirgantis* can only be appointed in the case of large tanks which have been newly constructed by Government.

SUBJECT No. 154.

Reservation of tank water for irrigating garden and sugar-cane crops.

Mr. K. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the present mode of distribution of water, gardens are deteriorating and sugar-cane cultivation is losing its charm. The owners of lands lying close to the sluice are those who derive the most benefit. Garden owners are not only to pay assessment without adequate return but also run the risk of their gardens drying up for want of timely irrigation. It is suggested therefore that when a tank fails to receive less than half its supply, the water stored may be ordered to be reserved for garden or sugar-cane crops and when it discharges its *kodi* to allow half its storage for wet cultivation.

Regulation of water-supply.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Those who own lands near the bund of the tank receive a better supply of water than those who have their lands at a distance, and quarrels often arise in respect of the distribution of water. It is therefore requested that rules may be framed for regulating the use of the water of such tanks.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter which should be attended to by co-operation amongst the land-owners themselves. When village panchayats are instituted, such functions would devolve upon them. The matter will however be referred to the Revenue Commissioner for consideration.